

REMARKS

Claims 1-10 and 20-24 were in prosecution in the application, as Claims 11-19 were cancelled. Claim 1 has now been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer of that which is defined thereby.

Accordingly, upon entry hereof, Claims 2-10 and 20-24 will be pending, with Claims 2, 4 and 20 being independent.

Applicants acknowledge with thanks the indication that Claims 2-10 and 20-24 have been allowed (Action, page 3).

In an effort to advance prosecution, but without agreeing or conceding the propriety of the rejection of Claim 1, Applicants have cancelled that claim, rendering moot its rejection.

Accordingly, Applicants submit that the application is in condition for allowance.

This paper represents an earnest attempt at advancing prosecution on the merits, and thus respectfully submits that entry thereof is proper.

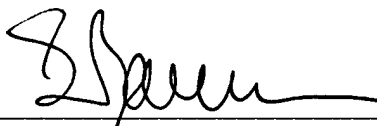
To the extent that the Examiner does not believe that the present paper places the application in condition for allowance, he is respectfully requested to contact Applicants' undersigned attorney by telephone at (860) 571-5001 or by

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